GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:56
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ISI ACTIVITIES
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA;JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN;VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL;VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI/terrorists activities have increased after the attack on Parliament ;

(b) if so, the number of bomb blasts/incidents of violence carried out and loss of life and property suffered by terrorist organisations and the number of civilians/militants/security personnel killed/injured therein, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to control terrorists activities in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): There has been no perceptible increase in ISI/terrorist activities after the attack on Parliament although there was an attack on the American Centre, Kolkata in January 2002. However, Government is aware that ISI of Pakistan is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country.

(c): In order to deal with the situation, the Government has adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of terrorists which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well-coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of outposts of security forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Steps taken by the Government have resulted in neutralization of various terrorist modules.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.